

COMMANDER ELIZABETH A. BREZA

Nurse Corps
United States Navy
Officer In Charge

Commander Breza was born in Trenton, New Jersey. She attended William Paterson College graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Nursing in 1986. In 1998 she graduated with a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Webster University. She also completed the resident program of the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 1999.

Commander Breza received a direct commission into the Nurse Corps as an Ensign in September 1986. Upon completion of Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, Rhode Island from 1986 to 1989 she was assigned to National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland as a staff nurse.

From 1989 to 1991 Commander Breza was assigned to Naval Hospital Rota, Spain as a staff nurse on the multi-service ward. She reported to Naval Medical Center, San Diego, California from 1991 to 1994 where she served as a shift charge nurse of the Emergency Department and Night Nursing Supervisor.

In November 1994, Commander Breza was assigned to the First Medical Battalion, First Force Service Support Group Camp Pendleton, California. She served as the Head, Medical Education Training Section. From 1997 to 1998 Commander Breza served as the Health Services Support Officer, First Force Service Support Group Headquarters. She then attended the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College from 1998 to 1999.

Upon graduation from Command and Staff College, Commander Breza served as the Force Health Protection Officer Marine Forces Pacific, Camp Smith Hawaii from 1999 to 2002. From July to December 2002 Commander Breza also served as the Branch Head, G4 Medical Plans, Marine Forces Pacific.

Commander Breza returned to Naval Medical Center San Diego in January 2003. There she deployed as an augmentee to the NAVCENT staff and worked as a liaison officer with the Coalition Force Land Component Commander Surgeon's Office at Camp Doha, Kuwait during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon returning to her regular assignment she assumed the duties as Senior Nurse, Directorate of Primary Care.

Currently, Commander Breza serves as the Officer in Charge, Naval Operational Medicine Institute Detachment, Fleet Hospital Operation and Training Center at Camp Pendleton, California.

Commander Breza's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with gold star, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star and the Expert Pistol Medal.

Commander Breza is engaged to Mr. Patrick O'Neill of San Diego, California. Mr. O'Neill has one son, Patrick O'Neill Jr.